

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Rick Jore, on March 9, 2007 at 3:22 P.M., in Room 137 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Rick Jore, Chairman (C)
Rep. Roger Koopman, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Holly Raser, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. Douglas Cordier (D)
Rep. George Everett (R)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)
Rep. Bob Lake (R)
Rep. Michael Lange (R)
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent:

Rep. John Ward (R)

Staff Present:

Donci Bardash, Committee Secretary
Susan Fox, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 23, 2/28/2007, SB 55, 3/06/2007,
SB 56, 3/06/2007
Executive Action: HB 700, HB 750

HEARING ON SB 55

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:25 Sen. Don Ryan (D), SD 10, opened the hearing on
SB 55, Revise use of mineral royalties purchased with
coal tax loan.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:28 Joe Lamson, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
00:08:21 Amy Carlson, Governor's Budget Office
[EXHIBIT \(edh50a01\)](#)
00:12:41 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association
00:14:20 Tom Bilodeau, MEA-MFT
00:15:21 Pete Carparelli, Montana Quality Education Coalition

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:16:18 Nancy Hall, Governor's Budget Office
[EXHIBIT \(edh50a02\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:16:52 Rep. Everett
00:17:16 Sen. Ryan

Closing by Sponsor:

00:18:46 Sen. Ryan

HEARING ON SB 56

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:20:09 Sen. Don Ryan (D), SD 10, opened the hearing on
SB 56, Retirement fund to pay costs for school
employees paid with federal funds.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:24:58 Madalyn Quinlan, OPI
00:28:16 Gwen Anderson, Browning Public Schools
00:33:31 Tim Tharp, Dutton-Brady Public Schools
00:35:40 Mr. Vogel
00:37:34 Dave Puyear, Montana Rural Education Association
00:38:53 Mr. Bilodeau

00:39:59 Mr. Carparelli

[EXHIBIT](#)(edh50a03)

00:41:12 Betty Brumwell, Montana Association of School Business
Officials

Opponents' Testimony:

00:43:15 Mary Whittinghill, Montana Taxpayers Association

Informational Testimony:

00:46:22 Ms. Hall

[EXHIBIT](#)(edh50a04)

00:46:48 Jim Standaert, Legislative Fiscal Division

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:47:01 Rep. O'Hara

00:47:25 Mr. Bilodeau

00:48:16 Rep. Lake

00:48:48 Sen. Ryan

00:50:40 Rep. Lake

00:51:41 Sen. Ryan

00:52:07 Rep. Lake

00:52:33 Ms. Quinlan

00:54:04 Rep. Lake

00:54:20 Ms. Quinlan

00:55:06 Rep. Butcher

00:55:41 Mr. Standaert

00:58:01 Rep. Butcher

00:58:25 Mr. Standaert

00:58:35 Rep. Jore

00:59:32 Ms. Quinlan

Closing by Sponsor:

00:59:43 Sen. Ryan

HEARING ON SB 23

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:06:13 Sen. Lynda Moss (D), SD 26, opened the hearing on
SB 23, Add professionals to quality educator payment.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:10:15 Ms. Quinlan

01:10:45 Mr. Vogel

01:11:12 Mr. Bilodeau
01:11:44 Mr. Tharp
01:12:30 Mr. Carparelli
[EXHIBIT \(edh50a05\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:13:47 Rep. Jore
01:14:14 Sen. Moss
[EXHIBIT \(edh50a06\)](#)
01:14:42 Ms. Quinlan
01:15:35 Rep. Jore
01:15:55 Ms. Quinlan
01:16:37 Rep. Raser
01:16:55 Ms. Quinlan
01:17:07 Rep. Grinde
01:17:35 Ms. Quinlan
01:17:55 Rep. Everett
01:18:33 Ms. Quinlan

Closing by Sponsor:

01:19:41 Sen. Moss
01:20:42 Mr. Carparelli

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 700

01:22:36 **Motion:** Rep. Hamilton moved that **HB 700 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:22:50 Rep. Jore
01:23:36 Rep. Butcher
01:24:07 Rep. Wilmer
01:24:31 Rep. Raser
01:26:34 Rep. Lake
01:27:50 Rep. Raser
01:28:13 Rep. Lake
01:29:37 Rep. Grinde
01:30:59 Rep. Cordier
01:33:33 Rep. Hamilton
01:34:38 Rep. Wilmer
01:36:24 Rep. Butcher
01:37:51 Rep. Koopman

01:38:53 Rep. Bixby
 01:40:55 Rep. Koopman
 01:41:59 Rep. Raser
 01:46:06 Rep. Jore
 01:47:38 Rep. O'Hara

01:48:49 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-8 by roll call vote with Reps. Bixby, Cordier, Grinde, Hamilton, Lake, Raser, and Wilmer voting aye. Reps. Ward and Lange voted by proxy.

01:49:40 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Butcher moved that **HB 700 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Motion carried 9-4 by voice vote with Reps. Bixby, Hamilton, Raser, and Wilmer voting aye.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 750

01:50:17 Rep. Wilmer
[EXHIBIT](#)(edh50a07)

01:50:48 **Motion:** Rep. Wilmer moved that **HB 750 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:51:11 Rep. Jore
 01:51:30 Ms. Fox

01:51:46 **Motion:** Rep. Wilmer moved that **HB 750 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT](#)(edh50a08)

01:53:06 **Vote:** The motion carried 12-1 by voice vote with Rep. Jore voting no.

01:53:25 **Motion:** Rep. Wilmer moved that **HB 750 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:53:33 Rep. Wilmer
 01:56:40 Rep. Lake
 01:59:26 Rep. Raser
 01:59:41 Rep. Lake
 01:59:50 Rep. Raser
 02:01:04 Rep. Lake
 02:01:35 Rep. Grinde
 02:02:00 Rep. Butcher
 02:03:32 Rep. Bixby
 02:09:36 Rep. Raser

02:16:29 Rep. Jore
02:20:50 Rep. Butcher
02:24:34 Rep. O'Hara
02:26:11 Rep. Koopman
02:29:56 Rep. Cordier
02:32:10 Rep. Wilmer
02:35:13 Rep. Koopman
02:36:21 Rep. Jore
02:36:51 Rep. Raser
02:38:07 Rep. Bixby

02:42:57 **Vote:** The motion failed 7-8 by roll call vote with Reps. Raser, Wilmer, Cordier, O'Hara, Grinde, Hamilton and Bixby voting aye. Reps. Ward, Lake, Everett and Lange voted by proxy.

02:43:44 **Motion/ Vote:** Rep. Butcher moved that **HB 700 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** The motion carried 6-5 by voice vote with Reps. Wilmer, Bixby, Hamilton, Raser and Grinde voting no.

Discussion:

02:44:13 Rep. Grinde
02:44:51 Rep. Koopman

ADJOURNMENT

02:45:09 Adjournment: 6:07 P.M.

REP. RICK JORE, Chairman

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([edh50aad.pdf](#))